

## 韓国(1): 韓国における生涯学習

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### An Overview on the Lifelong Learning Center in Korea

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### Introduction

- KOMINKAN(Community Learning Center) of Korea?
- There is no institution in corresponding exactly to KOMINKAN.
- But, Lifelong Learning Center(平生学習館) and Community Center(住民自治center) can be compared with Japan's KOMINKAN.
- Overview on Lifelong Education Institution in Korea, including Lifelong Learning Center and Community Center
- A Case of Lifelong Learning Center

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### Lifelong Educational Institution

- Defined By Lifelong Education Act
  - Facilities, corporations, or organizations authorized, registered, and reported in accordance with the act
  - Private teaching institutes implementing lifelong vocational education, other than private teaching institutes for school curricula
  - Other facilities, corporations, or organizations aiming mainly for the purpose of lifelong education under other laws and regulations

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### Classification of Lifelong Educational Institutions

- Classified by Lifelong Education Act
  - Lifelong Education in School
  - Lifelong Educational Establishments Attached to Schools
  - School-Style Lifelong Educational Establishments
  - Lifelong Educational Establishment in the Form of In-House College
  - Cyber College-Style Lifelong Educational Establishment
  - Lifelong Educational Establishment Attached to Company
  - Lifelong Educational Establishment Attached to NGOs
  - Lifelong Educational Establishment Attached to Media Institution
  - Lifelong Educational Establishment Attached to Knowledge and HRD

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## Non-formal Lifelong Education Institutions

Classification	Facilities	Programs			Learners
		Total	Short Program	Long Program	
①	11	95	4	91	2,193
②	380	24,037	1,097	22,940	758,586
③	674	38,797	4,289	34,508	19,083,102
④	268	40,019	16,627	23,392	1,169,182
⑤	275	3,116	502	2,614	132,987
⑥	107	3,177	411	2,766	126,862
⑦	713	13,300	4,017	9,283	633,724

- ① Attached to Preprimary, Primary and Secondary School  
 ② Attached to Higher Education School    ③ Cyber Lifelong Education Institution  
 ④ Attached to Company    ⑤ Attached to NGOs  
 ⑥ Attached to Mass Media    ⑦ Knowledge & HRD

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## Lifelong Learning Center

- Lifelong Education Act, Article 21.
  - The education superintendent of the metropolitan city and the province shall establish or designate and operate lifelong learning centers
  - The head of the city/Gun/Gu may implement projects necessary for the promotion of lifelong education of the relevant local government such as establishment of the lifelong learning center or financially support
- The Lifelong learning center of Korea may be similar to KOMINKAN of Japan.
- Authority of both the educational government and the local government
  - Able to establish many lifelong learning center
  - But, conflict might occur between the both governments

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## Lifelong Learning Center

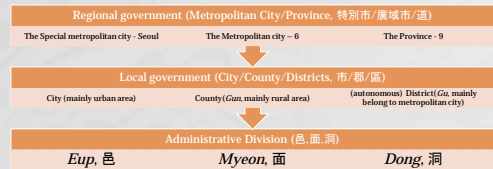
Classification	Number	
Facilities	404 [25]	
Programs	Total	16,108 [2,526]
	Short Program (shorter than a month)	2,876 [828]
	Long Program (longer than a month)	13,232 [1,698]
Learners	613,662 [65,759]	

[ ] represents the lifelong learning center included other non-formal lifelong education institution, and is included in the total number

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## Community Center

- Korean Administration level



- Community center was established in Eup, Myeon, Dong office to promote the education, culture, and self-governing of the residents
- But, just providing a few culture and leisure programs

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## Community Center

Classification	Number	
Number of Eup, Myeon, Dong	3,487 (211 / 1,205 / 2,071)	
Actual Number of Community Center Established	2,605 (124 / 526 / 1,955)	
Programs	Total	33,144
	Inhabitant Self-governing	2,428
	Culture and Leisure	16,177
	Local Welfare	3,737
	Residential Benefits	1,813
	Civic Education	6,246
	Promotion of Local Society	2,316
	Others	427
Average Number of Users(Daily)	89 (Female, 66)	

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## Gwangmyung Lifelong Learning Community Center

- In Gyeonggi Province, close by Seoul, Population 311,519(2009.12.)
- Gwangmyung is the first Korea's city to declare Lifelong Learning City in 1999
- Opening of the Gwangmyung Lifelong Learning Community Center in 2002 (Entrusted to Sungkonghoe University)
- The fourth National Lifelong Learning Festival was held in 2005
- Sogang University assigned as the new manager in 2008
- Direct management by the city official begins on 2011

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## Projects of Gwangmyung LLC

- Construction of the Infrastructure for Lifelong learning
  - Designating and Supporting the other institutes of lifelong learning within the city (8 in 2009)
  - Management of Lifelong Learning General Information Systems for the expansion of the opportunity
- Expansion of Citizen Participation in the Learning Community
  - Forming local communities using Learning Circle Activities (supporting 40 circles, 174 circles registered, about 2,000 members)
  - Operation of the programs which citizens suggest and participate in (6 programs, 103 participants)

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## Projects of Gwangmyung LLC

- Equal Learning Opportunity
  - Literacy Education
  - Information Education for senior citizens
  - Lifelong Education to visit Learners
- Provision of professional/alternative lifelong education
  - Gwangmyung Citizens College to offer the best quality of lifelong education programs
  - Citizens' Sharing Center which invites guest speakers give special lectures such as the philosophy of life
  - Gwangmyung Global Village for facilitating the understanding of a diversity of cultures
- The Others
  - Gwangmyung Lifelong Learning Festival
  - Training of future lifelong educators
  - Children Library "Frog"

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## Issues in the case of Gwangmyung

- Change **from** contracting out **to** direct management by the city government
  - Contracting out : Expertise, efficient management, but pressure on operating facilities, competition with the other institutions
  - Direct management : networking for the promotion of lifelong learning, hub institution, but low expertise
- Function of Gwangmyung Lifelong Learning Community Center
  - Role for the Lifelong Learning City project
  - Provision of the educational program Vs. Pivotal center of the whole city(supporting other institutions)

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